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SCHNEIDER et al

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For: **STABLE MICROBUBBLES SUSPENSIONS  
INJECTABLE INTO LIVING ORGANISMS**



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**PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)**

Applicants hereby petition to have action suspended in this application for a period of at least 6 months as provided by Rule 103 and MPEP 709.

Dr. Nenad Tomov, the person responsible for preparing and prosecuting this application in the assignee company, Bracco Reserach S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland, was aboard ill fated Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998 when it crashed; see the attached list of those killed on this flight as published in the New York Times. Dr. Tomov was in fact returning to his home in Geneva following a series of interviews at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31 and September 1, 1998.

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Applicants and those in Switzerland now involved with the prosecution of this application require time to organize and in some cases reconstruct files of the U.S. and other patent applications handled by the late Dr. Tomov. At present efforts are being made to respond to all U.S. applications in which Official Actions or other communications have already been issued.

To the knowledge of the undersigned as of this date there are no outstanding Official Actions or responses required by applicants in this application [see 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a), last sentence].

You are hereby authorized to charge any costs or fees associated with this petition [37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)] to deposit account 14-1140.

Considering the unusual circumstances involved, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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# A List of Those Killed on Swissair Flight 111

Following is a list of the passengers and crew members killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, released last night by the airline. Two of the 215 passengers were not named. Ages or hometowns of the victims were not released.

ABADY, George	COBURN, Richard	JACKMAN, Olivier	MOLINIER, Jean-Philippe	SMITH, Caroline
ABERY, Keith	COLINBARRAND, Thierry	JASAN, Jay	MONAY, N.	SPANNE, Per
ABOUTAAM, Sleiman	COLMERY, Barry	JEGGE, Evelyn	MORERO, JP.	SPANOPOULOU, Eugenia
ABOUTAAM, Suad	COLMERY, Julie	JEGGE, Isabelle	MORERO, M.	SPANOPOULOU, Hodssev-Plato
ACEVEDO, Ingrid	DANON, Albert	JHURANI, Somesh	MORTIMER, Hilda B.	SPERBER, Julie
AELLEN, Pierre-Andre	DEGRAEF, Maarten	JUNOD, Maryline	MORTIMER, John H.	SPERBER, Thomas
ALBERTSEN, Else	DEMEIRE, Jana	KAISER, Marina	MOSER, Julie	SPRINGER, Hiloyd
ALBERTSEN, Torkild	DEPLEDGE, Caroline	KARAMANOUKIAN, Serge	MOZES, Jean-Max	SPRINGER, Judith
ALLEAUME, Bruno	DEPLEDGE, Jane	KASSEL, James T.	MUNARI, Jaques	STAUFFER, Peter
ALSAUD, Bandar	DEPLEDGE, Micheal	KEFALIDIS, N.	NAPOLI, Phyllis	STAUTER, Robert
AMPOSTA, M.	DEPLEDGE, Norman	KIEF, Kevin	NAVARRO, Yolanda	TAHMOUSH, Albert
BABOLAT, Pierre	DEROUSSAN, Yves	KINDERGEIGER, Klaus	NELSON, Tara	TAHMOUSH, Odette
BACONNIER, Pascal	DIBA, Mahmood	KITSINGER, Eric	NEUWEILER, Adrienne	THIOUDELLET, Alexandre
BAEUMER, Ludwig	DITCHKUS, L.	KLEIN, Stanley	NEUWEILER, John	THIOUDELLET, Emmanuel
BALL, Eudyce	DITCHKUS, M.	KLEINMAN, Karen	NOCETO, Betty	THOMPSON, Ernest
BALL, Martin	DOMINIGUE, Karen	KLEINMAN, Leonard	NOCETO, Claude	THORENS, Sebastien
BELL, Patrick W.	DONALDSON, Rhonda	KOHLER, Stephane	OGARA, William	TOMOV, Nenad
BENJAMIN, Jesse	DUMITRU, C.	KOKORUDA, Jean	OMRAN, A.	TOPFGIBSON, Nancy
BENJAMIN, Stacey	EZELL, Patricia	KOKORUDA, Robert	PEREAU, Clelia	TSOLLIS, Christos
BENJAMIN, Wahkyn	FETHEROLF, Tara	KREIS, Thomas	PEREAU, Jean-Louis	TZAMARIOUDAKI, Maria
BENJAMIN, Whitney	FINE, Douglas	KRETSCHMER, Heidi	PEREAU, Joelle	VILLET, Vincent
	FREVIEW, Maryvonne	LAMOTTA, Joseph	PEREAU, Sylvie	WHITE, Rowennallee
	FROGHI	LATTIMER, Don	PEREAU, Yves	WILCOX, Alex
BILGER, Joachim	FUHRMANN, William	LATTIMER, Nancy	PERRAUD, E.	WILCOX, Petra
BITTENBINDER, Suzanne	GAMBONE, Deborah	LEMAITRE, Anne-Laure	PINOESCH, Skerlotte	WILKINS, Monte
BOLSTERLI, Andrew	GAMBONE, Michael	LESAICHOT, Jean-Luc	PLUMLEIGH, Glen	WILLIAMS, Roger
BOUCHOUT, Geoffroy	GARBOUDES, Amanda	LEVY, Ronny M.	RAPPAZ, M. Cecile	WILSON, Jonathan
BOURE, Faye	GARBOUDES, Christine	LIBRETT, Jeffrey M.	RATNAVALE, J.	ZENIOS, Marino
BOURE, Rosline	GARBOUDES, Herve	LUCAS, Anna B.	RATNAVALE, V.	
BOVE, Jane	GARBOUDES, Tristan	LUCAS, James N.	RICHARD, Karine	
BURCKHARD, Erich	GERETY, Pierce	MAILLET, Denis	RIZZA, A.	
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BURRUS, Dominique	HAMMOND, Paul	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	ROMANO, Raymond	
BURRUS, Thierry	HASTIE, Cheriem	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	ROSSI, Maurizio	
CALVETMASSY, C.	HAUSMAN, Thomas	MALLIN, Gilda	SALAKHOUTDINOVA, E.	
CAPPOLA, Maxine	HEWSON, Roberte	MALLIN, Ralph	SALAMA, Magda	
CARIPIDES, Gabriela	HOCHE, Gabriel	MANN, Jonathan	SANNA, Nino	
CARIPIDES, Peter	HOOTSEV, Andrew	MARTIN, Joseph	SAUGY, Crystel	
CARIPIDES, William	HOEL, Anne-Sophie	MEHRARABANSA-MIT, Elahah	SCARBORO, A.	
CEGAR, Natasa	HOEL, Francois	MENDO, C.	SCOTT, Matthew	
CHAPMAN, Cauley	HOEL, Marie-Francoise	MILNE, Alma	SCOUTAR, N.	
CHAPMAN, Mark	HOEL, Olivia	MILNE, Robert	SEQUI, S.	
CHATELAIN, Odette	HOEL, Paul-Edouard	MIRALAI, Astrid	SHAW, Stephanie	
CHATELAIN, Raoul	HOPCRAFT, Lawrence	MIRALAI, Chantal	SHEER, Diane	
CHEVEY, Nathalie	HOPCRAFT, Pauline	MIRALAI, Houchang	SHEER, Donald	
CHEVEY, Nicolas	ICONOMOPOULOU, C.H.	MOLINIER, Francoise	SHUSTER, Stephanie	
CLEMENTSMANN, Marylou				